

Apr & May 1865 +

More than 8,000 Southerners
migrated to Latin America at the close
of the Civil war in 1865; generals
and pirates, who refused to surrender,
state governors & other Confederate officials
most went to the Republic of Mexico
The country was actually under control
of troops of Napoleon III of France.
He combined with opponents of Juárez & placed

Austrian archduke (called hereditary Maximilian)
on the throne in Mexico City.
35 yr old Gen. Joseph O. Shelby led a large group
of Southern L. (known as Maximilian Brigade)
July 4, 1865 - Shelby's men wrapped the
Confederate battle flag around a rock & ceremonially
dropped it into the Rio Grande. He sold his heavy
guns & equipments. They were attacked several
times by guerrillas. Crossing the Salinas R. 27 of
Shelby's cavalry were killed